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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ROMANIAN SPECIAL ENVOY -
CSCE, CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST

1. SECRETARY MET WIT ROMANIAN SPECIAL EMISSARY VASILE PUNGAN FOR FORTY MINUTES ON AUGUST 26. SONNENFELDT AND AMBASSADOR BOGDAN ALSO ATTENDED.
 2. PUNGAN SAID CEAUSESCU WANTED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN CONTACTS WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION AND HOPED TO SEE PRESIDENT IN ROMANIA SOON. PUNGAN SAID HE HAD A MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT SECRETARY'S PLANS TO STOP IN ROMANIA. SECRETARY SAID WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO PERSONAL CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN US AND ROMANIA. HE HIMSELF HAD IT VERY MUCH IN MIND TO STOP IN ROMANIA ON ONE OF HIS TRIPS. IN OUR CONCEPTION, HE SAID, WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ROMANIA.
 3. CSCE: PUNGAN EXPRESSED CONCERN OF ROMANIANS THAT WORK OF CONFERENCE WAS TOO MUCH PROLONGED. WHILE NOT INDIFFER-
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ENT TO THE CONTENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S RESULTS, ROMANIANS BELIEVE TOO MUCH STRESS HAD BEEN PLACED ON HUMANITARIAN MATTERS. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE ARE WORKING FOR

COMMON AGREEMENT AMONG THE WESTERN EUROPEANS AND WILL

COOPERATE TO BRING THE CONFERENCE TO A CONCLUSION, BUT NOT AT THE COST OF UNDERMINING OUR RELATIONS WITH THEM.

4. CYPRUS: PUNGAN SAID ROMANIA FAVORS WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS (GREEK AND TURKISH), SAFEGUARDING OF CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE, AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES. ROMANIA IS CONCERNED BY CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. SECRETARY SAID WE AGREE WITH ROMANIAN BASIC POSITION BUT PROBLEM IS HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS AND AGAINST ITS PARTITION. A FEDERATED STRUCTURE WOULD NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH INDEPENDENCE AND INDIVISIBLE SOVEREIGNTY. WE MUST FIND A FACE-SAVING FORMULA FOR GREEKS TO ENABLE THEM TO RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

5. MIDDLE EAST: PUNGAN SAID THAT DELAY IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TOWARD A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT CREATED DANGERS AND THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD RESUME ITS WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ROMANIA FAVORED PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE AND FORMATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE OUT OF THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER AND GAZA. SECRETARY AGREED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS MUST BE MADE. GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF THERE WERE AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED. WE ARE HOLDING A SERIES OF MEETINGS THIS MONTH WITH ARABS AND ISRAELIS. ROLE OF PALESTINIANS IS VERY DELICATE ISSUE.

WE DO NOT KNOW THE VIEWS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RESUME WORK AT GENEVA CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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